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WINTER WHEAT FORECASTED PRODUCTION RAISED FROM LAST MONTH

SIoux FALLS, June 11, 2003 - The South Dakota June 1 winter wheat production forecast is 57.6 million bushels, up 3 percent from last month's 56.16 million bushels, according to USDA's South Dakota Ag Statistics Service. The 2003 forecast is three times last year's reduced harvest of 18.13 million bushels and nearly 5 times the production from the 2001 crop which suffered from severe winter kill. This is 7 percent above the 2000 crop of 53.76 million bushels, which was not stricken by drought or severe winter kill. Yield is forecast at 40 bushels per acre, up 1 bushel from last month and 11 bushels above last year's yield.

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